



## Dates to Remember



We have completed **6** days of school so far!!

**Year 6 Leadership Day**  
Camp School  
14th February

**Year 6 Speeches**  
16th February

**School Banking**  
8.30am  
Front Office  
20th February

**P&C AGM**  
21st February

**Assembly Rm 8**  
23rd February



## Principals Report

Welcome to 2018 and a big welcome to our new families and students. We are now at capacity in terms of student numbers with 450 students. We have had a great start to the year, with our students really settling into classes. Teachers are currently testing students ready to learn the outcomes from the WA curriculum. Our staff for this year are listed below. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you need anything clarified or discussed. The deputies and myself are always available to chat with parents. Please contact the office to organise a time or see us when we are out on duty.

Mrs Di Miller	Principal	Ms Sue Ashworth	Deputy Principal
Mr Michael Ostaszewskij	Deputy	Ms Simone Rogalski	ECE 2 Pre-Primary
Mrs Carolyn Couper	ECE 1 Kindy	Mrs Cindy Baker	ECE 3 Pre-Primary
Ms Jemma Simfendorfer	ECE 4 K/PP	Ms Jenna Guagliardo	Rm 2 -Yr 1
Ms Brodee Raymond	Rm 1 – Yr 1	Ms Teena Gordon	Rm 3—Year 1/2
Ms Rebecca Freestone	Rm 4-Yr 2 /3	Mrs Jaimee Skrutvold	Rm 5 – Yr 2
Ms Ellen Brown	Rm 6 -Yr 2	Ms Lisa Holtfreter	Rm 7 – Yr 5/6
Mr Jeremy Macknay	Rm 8 – Yr 5/6	Mr Power/ Ms Treadgold	Rm 9—Year 4/5
Mr Jonathon McKenzie	Rm 10—Yr 4/5	Mrs Hana Chalwe	Rm 11—Yr 3
Mr Riccardo Amazzini	Rm 12 -Yr 3	Ms Renae Guelfi	Rm 13—Year 4

**Classroom teachers will be holding parent meetings in the next couple of weeks to outline the learning students will be involved in, homework procedures and Behaviour expectations of students.**

## Official Opening of New School Facilities

**The Hon Sue Ellery, Minister for Education will be coming to our school to officially open our new buildings (block 3, 4 and the Library)**

**When: Thursday 15th February at 1.20-2.20pm.**

**Parents are invited to join us in the hall to celebrate this special event. Our students will be performing and afternoon tea will be provided.**

**We hope to see you there.**

## School Code of Conduct

### Be Respectful

1. Speak kindly to others-use your manners.
2. Follow the teacher's instructions.
3. Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

### Be Safe

4. Walk on the verandas and in the undercover areas.
5. Sit whilst eating.
6. We wear our school hat- be Sunsmart.

### Be Responsible

7. We are prepared for school.
8. Put all your rubbish in the bin.
9. Report problems to the duty teacher.

### Be our Best

10. We have a go to challenge ourselves.
11. We take pride in everything we do.
12. We encourage and support others.



**Our school has positive school wide behaviours that we explicitly teach to students.**

**Teachers work with the students to model and remind them about the behaviours that we expect them to display.**

## Parent Classroom Meetings

In the next week or so, parents will be receiving a letter from the teachers regarding a parent meeting date and time. At this meeting, teachers will outline how things operate in the classroom, discuss home reading programs, the curriculum your child will be learning this year, behaviour management processes and any other information you might need to know to support your child's learning at home. We look forward to seeing you there. Please check SEESAW information also. Thanks

## Parent Help in Classrooms

All parents who help out in classrooms on a regular basis, will need **to sign in at the front office** (this is so if we have the need to evacuate, the Principal knows who is on site and where they are) and complete a confidentiality declaration form. Please go to the front office to do this.

All non-parent/family helpers are required to have a Working with Children's check if they wish to help in the classroom.

## Composite /Split classes

Multi-age, split or composite classes are terms that refer to classes set up to include children from more than one grade. These classes have been a part of education in Australia for over 80 years. 70% of schools in Australia have composite classes. There are often misconceptions about the impact composite classes have on student learning and social and emotional development.

The latest research shows that by the end of year 6, along the bell curve we use to determine where students are at in their learning, (children who are at the top, middle and bottom of their cohort) there is no statistically significant difference between students from multi-aged classes or straight classes in terms of academic performance.

In results for social indicators like tolerance of others, showing empathy, adaptability, there was statistically a positive difference for children who had been taught in composite classes. The very nature of a school's enrolments, dictates schools will often have composite classes, which are not outside normal arrangements. Government Schools are allocated money based on student enrolments through the Student Centred Funding Model. With this funding, we are required to determine class structures that ensure all students are allocated to classes and individually catered for. The school also needs to ensure it has enough funds to operate the school ethically whilst meeting all compliance issues when developing possible class structures, based on the information available to us at the time. Some common misconceptions are outlined below.

**Being the oldest in a split class will hold my child back academically.** There is no evidence based research that suggests that composite classes affect the quality of teaching.

## Composite Classes Cont.

The quality of the teacher is what makes the difference in classrooms. The teaching and learning program is tailored to the needs and current achievement levels of students. Work is undertaken in small groups in both composite and straight classes.

### **Composite classes limit my child's friendship groups**

Children don't make distinctions based on age when forming friendships. Being an older or younger student in a multi-age class, enables the younger students to learn the routines from older students and develop social skills through interacting with them and also enables the older students to nurture the younger students. These are all qualities we want for our children. Care is taken to ensure social needs are catered for, it is important for children to experience new classes with different classmates, so that their circle of friends is extended.

For more information about composite classes in Australia - go to [schooljotter.com](http://schooljotter.com) or <http://theconversation.com/are-mixed-grade-classes-any-better-or-worse-for-learning-38856>.

## School Communication to Parents

The school communicates with our parents via the school app, the school website, facebook and our newsletters. [www.wandinaprimarieschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.wandinaprimarieschool.wa.edu.au)

The first newsletter each term, will be sent home as a paper copy. All other newsletters will be downloaded onto our school app and will be placed on the website for you to access. These will be published 3 times per term. Please download the school app for your phone or iPad from the playstore or the app store. We send regular notifications to parents about what is happening in our school.

### Announcements

Important information and current news, will be placed on the announcements page under the News and Events tab. This information will also be sent via the app where a notification will pop up on your phone or iPad. The Facebook page will forward messages and P&C information. The page will still be monitored by a P&C member as well as school staff.

Please ensure you contact the school if you need any clarification on information that is provided.

## School Board 2018

There are 2 positions available to parents or school community members to be on the board for a 1 year or 2 year tenure beginning this year.

The school is calling for nominations for the school board. We will need to appoint 2 new members this year. Information will be sent home this week informing parents about what it means to be a board member of an Independent Public school and the process for nomination. Please speak to our School Board Chairperson or the Principal Di Miller, if you would like to know more details.

## Important School Information

### Before School Information

Students (other than bus students) are expected to arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.45am. We understand that there are times that students need to arrive earlier, therefore, if students arrive to school before 8.30am, they must **move to the office area** and sit outside the office on the benches until 8.30 so they can be supervised and then released to go to class. We ask that parents do not bring their children to school any earlier so that duty of care can be covered as we have had some students arriving at 7.45am. Students are not to take their bags to class during this time. If children are with their parents they are able to sit outside classrooms and ensure the safety of their children. Thank you

### Late students

Students who arrive late to school after 9am, must go to the office for a "late slip", before going to class. Ongoing lateness to school will be discussed with parents.

### Leaving the school grounds during the day

Students may only leave the school grounds if they have been collected by a parent or guardian who has signed them out of the school at the front office prior to collecting them from class. Parents will be given a yellow slip to hand to the teacher. Staff will not let children leave the classroom unless this yellow slip is provided. If a student has custody orders in place, staff are made aware of this and processes are put in place.

### After school

Students in K and PP must be picked up by a parent or family member. Please let the teacher know or contact the school if this changes. If an older sibling is picking them up from class, please notify the teacher. Or the front office. Thanks.

### Absences from School

All absences from school must be explained verbally or in writing by a parent/guardian. This can be done via the school app, via email or phone call. Parents/Caregivers of students who do not attend on a regular basis, will be contacted to discuss attendance issues. Parents who are taking students on a holiday during school time, must discuss this with the Principal.

### In Classrooms

All students are expected to follow the school code of conduct.

Students are only permitted in rooms, only when a teacher is present.

After entering the classroom in the morning, students must ask for permission to leave the classroom.

Students are not to play with sports equipment or on the playgrounds in the morning.

Students are expected to play in designated areas and use play equipment safely.

All students are expected to wear their school uniform as part of the school dress code and wear a school sun smart hat. No hat – shade play, is the expectation.

## School Information cont.

### Safety around the school

For safety reasons, students are expected to walk on the verandahs and concrete areas.

Students riding bikes, scooters or skateboards to school, must wear a helmet and enter through the gate across from the community oval and walk to the bike racks. The gates will be closed during the day, although we do recommend bike locks.

The school will not take responsibility for any valuable items that are brought to school. These items are sent to school at your own risk and are not covered by insurance. Valuables need to be left at home unless discussed with the classroom teacher.

### Crunch & Sip

Wandina is a crunch and sip school. Parents are asked to **provide healthy snacks**, such as fruit and vegetables and a water bottle, for crunch and sip time at **10am every day**. At recess and lunchtime, students are to eat in the designated areas. Students must remain seated whilst eating, with rubbish placed in rubbish bins, after students are dismissed.

## WOW Awards

Part of our school wide positive behaviour approach, is to reward good behaviour in class and in the playground.

Students who are making good behavioural choices and learning choices, in PP to Year 6 will be given WOW award slips.

This means that your child is a **"Wandina Outstanding Wonder Kid"** if they receive these slips.

All slips will go into a box and awards will be drawn at assembly and points given to the factions according to the number of awards collected. Students will receive a special certificate and a canteen voucher if their name is drawn out. Class teachers will also reward students as part of their whole class reward system.

## School Fees

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their school fees at the front office. Your contributions/school fees are really important. The \$60 per year, per child covers the purchase of resources for our students to participate in classroom and specialist activities, such as cooking, art activities and the purchase of consumables like lined books for students to use in the classroom.

You can either EFT the funds or come in to the office and pay via EFTPOS or in cash. Thank you for your anticipated support.



## BYOD iPad Information

We have had fantastic support from our families regarding the BYOD program with over 70% of students in years 2-5 bringing their iPads to school. Students are already using them to support their literacy and numeracy learning at times during the day.

Our students are still doing reading, handwriting and writing lessons with pen and paper, with the iPads supporting the development of 21st Century Learning skills.

## Use of iPads at WPS

For parents new to the school, our staff will be using iPads in the classroom to support student learning. This means that teachers will use iPads for 30% of the day so that students are able to learn different skills in Literacy and Numeracy learning.

Please make sure all the apps are downloaded for students to use so that they are able to fully participate in the activities organised in the classroom.

Students are expected to

\*Leave iPads in their bags until they get to class as well as when they go home.

\*Place their iPad in the Black tub provided in the classroom. \*Make sure their iPad is fully charged ready for the day.

As the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be going online in 2019, it is really important that we teach our students the skills they will need (such as using drop down menus and logging into the NAPLAN site) to complete the test and achieve their full potential.

Students who don't have their own iPad are able to borrow a shared class iPad.

## Playground Use after school

Please be aware that the school is **not liable for students who hurt themselves playing on the playground after school hours**. Students must be with a parent, as the parent will have duty of care. Please make sure children are playing safe and being respectful of school property and looking after the equipment.

## Bus Parking on Ilma Rise

The school bus will be dropping students off on the Ilma Rise side of the school **in the loading zone** near the gate. Please **"Do not park in this area"** in the morning between 8.15 and 8.45 as the bus needs to drop students off.

A sign outlining the Bus Zone and signage on the ground will be in place in the next week or so by the builders. Please don't be offended if we ask you to move your car. Thanks for your support.



## Parking – A reminder about parking areas for parents

Parents are able to park in all parking bays opposite the ECE area, there are also parking bays behind the oval and on the new building side of the school. ( please do not park in the loading zone/bus Zone) We received correspondence from CGG that they have had a complaint about the number of cars parking on the shire land next to the school carpark, mainly about parents parking on the pathways (which causes issues for people who are walking around the area) and issues with people driving very fast over shire land to access the road.

Please be aware that this is not a designated car park and you could be fined for using this area. Please make sure you slow down in all areas around the school to keep our kids safe.



## Kiss and Drop Area

**Drop off 8.30am – 8.50am** - Parents are able to **drive through the staff front carpark from 8.30 – 8.50** to drop students off. Please **drive up to the crosswalk, stop** before the crosswalk **and let your children out of the car**. Students need to walk to the crosswalk and into the school via the front gates. Please **drive slowly @ 10km** per hour in this area.

**Pick up – 3.05pm–3.15pm** Parents need to remind their children to come to the front gates and wait near the cross walk. The Deputy or Principal will ensure that students get in your car when you stop after the crosswalk. Please don't be offended if we remind you of the new rules for this area. We need to make sure that our children are safe as they come into school. Thank you.

## Wanted-Plastic Bottle tops all sizes and colours

This term, Mrs Butler and her art students will be making a variety of decorative items made out of recycled plastic bottle tops. Flowers, butterflies and insects will be popping up throughout the school's garden beds. Please send along your unwanted plastic bottle tops to school and place inside the bin housed outside the hall labelled 'Bottle Tops'. Thank you .



**WANDINA PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT PLANNER TERM 1 – 2018**

W	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Holidays	Holidays	Office Open Pupil Free Day	Pupil Free Day	Australia Day Pupil Free Day		
1	29	30	31	1 February	2	3	4
	Pupil Free Day	Pupil Free Day	Students start School				
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Parent Meetings – Week 2 Whole group	Student Banking  Staff Meeting					
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Year 6 Leadership Day- Camp School Board Meeting	Opening Ceremony- New Build 1.20pm-2.20pm	Year 6 Speeches- am		
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Student Banking	P&C AGM	Staff Meeting	Assembly Rm 8		
5	26	27	28	1 March	2	3	4
					School Cleanup Day		
6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Public Holiday Labour Day	Student Banking			Assembly Rm 7		
7	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Staff Meeting			P&C Quiz Night		
8	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	P&C Easter Raffle	Student Banking	Board Meeting		Assembly Rm 9 Harmony Day Ride to school Day		
9	26	27	28	29	30	31	1 April
				P&C Easter Raffle Drawn	Public Holiday Good Friday		
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Public Holiday Easter Monday	Public Holiday Easter Tuesday		Staff Meeting	P&C Disco		
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Parent Open Night		Assembly- Staff		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Holidays						
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Holidays		ANZAC Day				